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Southern Regional Conference : A Conference of representatives of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore and Madras was held at Ootacamund on 25th and 26th May '57 with the main object of taking necessary steps to consolidate and expand the organisation of the Bharat Scouts and Guides within the Southern Region comprising of the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore and the Tamil Nad. It was also the purpose of this Conference to bring to the notice of the Central Organisation at New Delhi that the Southern Region needed attention. The resolutions passed at this Conference to achieve the object in view are published elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The Conference was very helpful in bringing the representatives together not merely for exchange of views but more, to understand the working of the Organisations in these States. There is need for bringing the States in line with a progressive policy based on the conditions existing in, and requirements of these various States both in relation to the Government and the public. While each State will look after its own affairs, that which is common to the Southern States for the development of the movement in the South will be considered.

by this Conference from time to time.

A highly necessary step: This is a highly necessary step and we are glad to note that this has been possible. This step should not be misunderstood as one opposed to the All India Unity and integrity, on the other hand this is only to strengthen the solidarity of our Organisation in the country. Every Scout or Guide is first an Indian and last an Indian and that conception and ideal will ever be borne in mind by every one coming under the Bharat Scouts and Guides in India. While this is so, it is our bounden duty to consolidate and expand within the region, so that the fullest benefit of Scouting and Guiding can be conferred on the children that join us.

Independence Day Parade: The Government of Madras has requested our Association to take part in the Independence Day Ceremonial Parade on 15th August 1957 at the Island grounds when the Governor of Madras Mr.

A. J. John will be present and take the salute. It has been suggested that 100 Scouts and 50 Guides should take part in the March-past. Rehearsals are being held regularly at the State Headquarters. It is hoped that our Scouts and Guides will acquit themselves creditably at the parade even better than the previous years. In the mofussil Districts also we hope Scouts and Guides will take part in the Ceremonial Parade in co-operation with the Government Officers in charge. Report of such activities may be sent to the State Headquarters for information.

Camp Sites: We are glad to learn that Salem has been fortunate in acquiring 10 acres of Government land free of cost to be used as the Camp site. This Camp site is about 13 miles from Salem, on the Salem-Cuddalore route. There are nearly 100 Mango trees forming into a fine grove and a dozen huge tamarind trees besides other trees. The land will worth about Rs. 25,000/- and admits of

a very fine Camping Centre to be developed. Already Training Courses were held for Officers and one such was visited by our Chief Minister Mr. Kamaraj Nadar who not only addressed the Campers, but stayed for dinner (of the Camp type) and enjoyed his stay thoroughly.

The National Council has scheduled to develop 80 Campsites in the country during the Second Five Year Plan period. At the Council meeting held recently in Bombay, Madras was allotted six Camp sites and out of the grant available each Campsite will be given funds for equipments necessary. It is hoped atleast a lakh of Rupees will be made available for the purpose in our State. We have now the Stanley Park Training Centre at Coonoor which is fast developing into a Regional Camping Centre for the South. Besides we have now this Camp site at Salem and a site to be handed over to us at Courtallam. (Tirunelveli District) and another site again to be handed over at

Arni in North Arcot District. Madurai has made its choice of a site, and has applied for financial help. Tanjore and Coimbatore have also set about choosing Campsites. There should be one very near Madras—the Corporation of Madras is proposing to develop a site for Madras. We have the Evans Park in Tirunelveli District which is being managed by the Tuticorin Local Association. We have the Silver-Fish Bungalow and site gifted by Miss G. Pakenham Walsh, the most active District Commissioner—Guides, at Tirunelveli. We hope when these are established there will be sufficient scope for Camping out for our Scouts and Guides throughout our State.

Commissioners Training Course: Elsewhere is published a report of the Training Course by a Camper (a Guide Commissioner). We are glad to note that the Camp has been very useful. More such Camps are needed and we hope large number of

young men and women will attend these Courses.

Bharat Scouts and Guides and 1st Class Scouts and Guides Rally :

A Rally of Bharat Scouts and Guides and 1st Class Scouts and Guides in India is proposed to be held at Delhi in the last week of October 1957. This will be an All India Rally, each State sending a Contingent of their 1st Class Scouts and Guides and Bharat Scouts and Guides to participate in the Rally. The Commissioners are requested to send the names of the Scouts and Guides coming under this category in their Districts, to the State Headquarters

before 7th of August 1957. The Scouts and Guides should not exceed the Scout and Guide age on 20th October 1957. The object of this Rally is not only to give every encouragement to the 1st Class and Bharat Scouts and Guides, to come together and demonstrate the value of such standards of efficiency, but also to make them feel that they belong to a great country in which they will as future citizens, play their important part. We trust that a good contingent of such Scouts and Guides will represent our State at this Rally.

—Editor.

STANLEY PARK CAMPING CENTRE

Visitors on 26th May, '57

"A delightful place which easily lends itself to development as a National Training Centre on the lines of Pachmari to serve the needs of South Indian States

Sd. J. B MALLARADHYA,

State Chief Commissioner, Mysore State.

Sd. Mrs V. J. ISAAC,

District Commissioner, Guides, Civil Area, Bangalore—Guide Representative

Sd. K R. ABDUL GAFFAR,

State Secretary, Mysore State

Sd. M. RAMASWAMI,

Asst State Commissioner, Mysore

Sd. RAMANI KARIAKAR,

Asst State Commissioner, Palghat

Sd. D. S. RAJA RAO,

State Secretary, Andhra Pradesh

Sd. H M. S. NAQVI,

State Commissioner (Scouts) Andhra Pradesh—Hyderabad Dn.

Sd. K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU,

State Chief Commissioner Madras State

Rural Scout Leaders' Training Camp, Bavanisagar

SURROUNDED by hills in the midst of a thick reserve forest alongside a wild stream is Bannari, six miles from Bavanisagar, an ideal camping place for all sections of Scouting. A real jungle atmosphere for Cubs, a suitable country for romance for Scouts and hiking for Rovers—all these are combined in this camp site. It was here that fifty-seven Gram Sevaks of the Extension Training Centre hailing from Tinnevelly, Madura and Ramnad districts received their inspiration as Rural Scout Leaders at a ten days training camp from 19th to 29th June 57. It was a novel and pleasant experience for the Camp Officer, who was privileged to conduct a camp of this kind for the first time training the future Rural Scout Leaders in all the three sections of Scouting at a stretch. Patrol System was strictly followed in all activities and training the individual for personal leadership was aimed at. Plenty of opportunities were afforded for out-door practices and a full day was set apart for hiking, at the end of which the campers enjoyed a three-hours' stay at Chola Thittu, a place which is 3000 ft. high on the hills. Sri K. Santanam, Principal, Extension Training Centre, Bavanisagar, who presided over the closing function, was much impressed with the discipline of the campers and the efficiency and progress shown by the trainees. Let me thank Sri V. S. Ratnasabapathy, our popular State Secretary, for giving me the opportunity of training 57 future workers of our Youth organisation.

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2—7—57 }

R. MESSIAH DOSS,
Camp Officer
(Dt. Commissioner & A. D. C. C.)



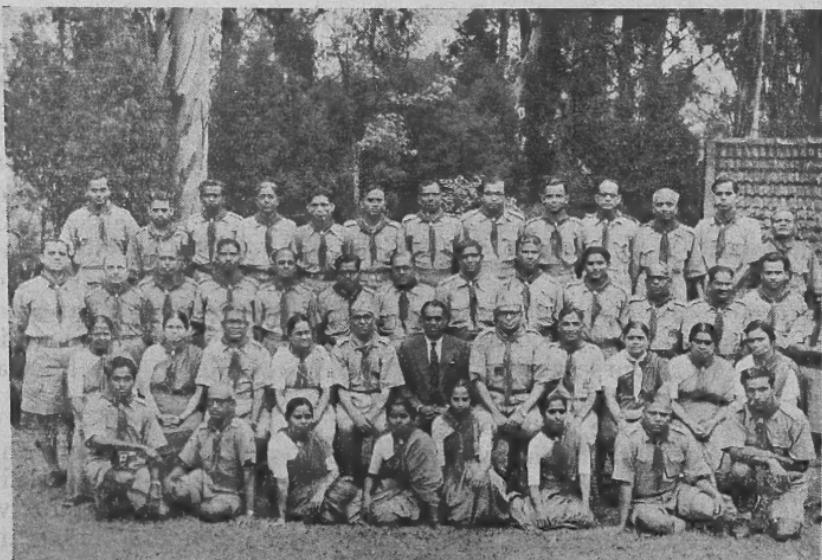
Impressions of the Commissioners Course

WHEN I first heard of Stanley Park and its activities while holidaying in Coonoor sheer curiosity took me to the site. Little did I dream then that 3 years later I would camp for a week in one of the loveliest spots in South India. Anticipation of this event had kept me happy and excited for a few days before the camp began, but when I arrived on the spot the real beauty of the place exceeded my wildest imaginations, over-whelmed me and held me spell-bound.

It was late spring. The rush of sap in the trees could almost be heard. The sign of great undertaking by nature filled me

who had come in a holiday mood, with a "sudden uneasiness of contrast." This chosen spot had beauty, grandeur, salubrity and remoteness. There was nothing jarring which could disturb one's perfect mental unity with the sentiment of the place. Even the huts were painted green and the green paint and the greener colouring of leaves with a shade of brown on the stems scarcely seen, were soothing to the eyes and brought to my mind the most beautiful line in Marvell :

"Annihilating all that is made into a green thought in a green shade."



Surely this was a wonderful place to camp, away from all the din and noise of cities and towns and I was actually aware that I and everybody else would enjoy every minute of our stay there.

My friend and I were among the first few to arrive and slowly one by one the rest dribbled in. Ordinarily the short awkward interval before the introductions take place, would have been difficult to bridge, for a sense of decorum and dignity would have prevented us from moving on a footing of such close friendliness. But we were all brother Scouts and sister Guides and very soon we were on the friendliest of friendly terms.

Refreshed by a sumptuous tea which gave fillip to our flagging spirit, we assembled for the preliminary talk and the round of introductions. That brief hour sufficed to give us an indication of what we could expect in the days to come. Strict and sharp, yet witty and jovial, with a capacity to ease tension and to create an atmosphere of harmony and friendliness, our camp chief helped us considerably to adjust ourselves to the new company and to the new surroundings. We understood that the best material would be handed to us in the most interesting and brilliant manner and that we were really lucky to be able to receive the benefit of his advice

and instruction and so we alerted ourselves with pleasure. One observation will not be out of place here. While we had come with the intention of living in harmony, sinking our differences and accepting each other's limitations and allowing each one's character and personality to act and react on the others so that everybody benefited by this interaction, I noticed by close observation that even before the introductions took place, each one (at least 60% of us) had by a first glimpse of acceptance singled out one or two other individuals with whom he would be closely associated throughout the camp while with the others he would be on varying degrees of acquaintance. Accordingly, when the friend or friends to be, revealed their identities, the one concerned was alert and pleased to be enlightened, while he showed an indifference or at least a proportionately diminished interest when others announced themselves. This is a common human weakness no doubt, I wondered how it manifested itself in a Scout camp among Scouters and Guiders under a climate and surrounding bound to resist the formation of such small groups.

The rollicking mirth that usually goes with a camp-fire was absent that evening for we were tired out by a long and tedious journey. When we assembled for the last item of

the day, some of us settled to somnolence, while others put forth a supreme effort to resist the charms of sleep. Besides, we were yet unused to the unrestrained and uninhibited atmosphere and hence all at the latent talents could not blaze forth in brilliant display. Only a few songs were sung that night and when the day closed with a short prayer, we were all very relieved.

But our headache was to commence the next day at 5:30 in the morning. While holidaying in the hills I have never seen the light of day before 8 a.m. and sceptical of my powers to rise early I had taken an alarm timepiece with me ; but when its clear metallic ring rang out at 5 O'clock, my first impulse (and that of many others in our hut) was to smother its vociferous clamour and sleep far into the day later to wake up and return home. But commonsense asserted itself and we submitted to the rigour of discipline and set about our work, at first unwillingly and reluctantly like Shakespeare's school boy but sans tears, sans grumbling and sans complaints.

Since we wished to have our bath the first thing in the morning, a couple of us rose earlier than the others and this time coincided with the break of day. It was lovely, lovely to watch the crack of dawn, to see the last trace of fog rise up and withdraw leaving the place to enjoy God's own Light. In a place still

untouched by the ravaging hand of civilisation, at such a time standing alone for a moment breathing in the pure air, drinking in the new light, one finds himself in silent communion with the Supreme-Power, realises the great Glory of Man and chastened by this new experience, aware of the beauty of life, and the magnitude of the human soul, he becomes humble and brushes aside all bad thoughts and dedicates himself to a purpose. We too made our vows that morning and the rejuvenating experience gave added fillip to our already enthusiastic spirit and feeling the new burst of energy in our veins, we went through the day's work in a high tempo—a tempo which lasted throughout the week and even later.

The morning cup of coffee intended to warm us up was really an apology for coffee. But those of us who were a little inclined to flavour this cup with a little gossip or conversation, delightfully procrastinating over it had to face the thunder, fire and fury of the chief who, punctual to minute, was already on the sports ground waiting for his not so disciplined flock to file up leisurely

The physical exercises provided a wealth of amusement. Old age did not wish to be left behind and youth wished to display its abundant energy and all combined to produce a

marvellous chaos of jerks, lacking the beautiful rhythmic movement characteristic of a drill by a trained troop. But human nature is such that each one looked at his neighbour, saw that he was no better than himself and took pride in his own achievements.

But everything had been planned with a view to benefit us and the exercises and games were probably meant to take us into close contact with nature and make us realise that the sources of happiness and enjoyment of life - in short the best things in life are free. While we loosened our muscles stiff with cold, "Thanked God for the fresh air and blessed our friends", Mother Nature in her creative mood of silent action, inculcated a serene and comprehending mood in all of us and acting on our dormant spirit brought us more alive than we have been for a long time with the result that we became young in spirit, with the same endless energy, exuberance of spirit and unlimited capacity for action that boys and girls show all over the world. The game of Freeze we played with all the enthusiasm of a child of 7. Of those who played it and of those who watched it, I bet there is no one who can easily forget it. There were other games which transported us to the realms of sheer joy. Perhaps, because we played children's games or perhaps it was due to our newly adjusted outlook, there

was an inexplicable difference between playing games elsewhere and playing them on the grounds of Stanley Park.

Back from exercise, we would scramble for chota and then get ready for kit inspection. From my experience of what happened in our hut I can say this inspection is a farce. Ten minutes before schedule, nine pairs of feet would be scurrying in and outside the hut in a frantic effort to collect all the things and heap them in a presentable file and cover them with a blanket. Things that had escaped attention would be picked up in the last minute and shoved under the blanket. But 10 minutes after the inspection a visitor to the hut would find a maze of blankets, beds, baskets, holdalls, bags and beds thrown in rich confusion which would invalidate the purpose of the inspection itself. Perhaps a surprise inspection would produce better results.

The breakfast and lunch breaks were intervals of greatest interest. They provided the ground bass to the music of our happy camp life. At this time everyone glowed and expanded and untrammeled wit flowed freely to the delight of one and all. Comments acid, asinine, unpredictably sharp, biting, cynical, complimentary, blessing or blasting whipped past in the air to and fro in diverse languages and in a rich variety of accents for the silent one prone to be

observant and watchful, here was a mine of mirthful laughter.

Capping everything else came the camp-fire time. Long after this time was over after the last whistle had been sounded, far into the stillness of light one could hear echoes of this happy hour. Items would be repeated, then, a second, a third or a fourth time without losing anything of its intrinsic value and everyone would try to smother her laughter and shake and shiver in the attempt. But what diversity of talent, originality and ingenuity we had in our midst! Puzzles, plays, songs, stories and all aspects of theatrical or dramatic entertainment poured forth, before the camp fire, like a fierce tornado carrying everyone with its current. On the first two nights, we were shy and reserved unable to break through a barrier self-imposed by a consciousness of self-respect. But slowly and gradually, as enthusiasm kindled and grew, as we adjusted ourselves to the atmosphere of uninhibited joy, as the architecture of ideas began to take shape in our minds, the items improved and delighted us more and more till the last two camp fires remain like two flashes of happiness in an otherwise normal life.

The very Gods must have been jealous of our happiness for two days later the rains came. Oh! how it rained and

rained continuously for 3 days till our spirits were curbed and our enthusiasm abated. Outings were not possible and most of the time we spent indoors and thus half the joy of an open air camp life was misssed.

Our first few seeions held in the chequered shade of a sequestered woodland scene were idyllic. But what caught our imagination was the enthusiasm, the cheerfulness that Mr. Muthiah invested his lectures with and the lofty idealism of his lectures. His was an artistic performance that sparkled and flowed and managed to amuse. In him vigour and strength seemed to grow with age, and energy flowed with the terrfying force of a lava flow.

Perhaps it would be presumptuous of me to say so, but we had four very good instructors. Mr Chatterjee with her genial temperament and embullience and a voice that gave one the impression that she heartily enjoyed speaking every word that she uttered was the general favourite. In all the time that she was with us, I never saw her face without its perpetual expression of hearty glee. Mr. Muthiah whose dynamic personality expressed itself with an electric force, Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy calm and dignified and Mr. Messiah Doss the quiet and the most practical man of the lot by their very nature, temperament and efficiency played a great part.

in influencing our camp life. In this connection, I should not forget to mention Mr. Rama-samy, who though not an instructor, played no mean part, for he was the live wire of the camp, always on the run and ever ready to help. Their enthusiasm and confidence communicated itself to us and day by day we grew in stature and self-confidence.

In all the instruction classes apart from the technical details explained one point was emphasised and all the instructors shared this view that the Commissioner should be a man of intellectual integrity, with a strong moral fibre and wide vision, with a deep and abiding faith in the power for good within the human race, with ideas that could be brought alive, vitality that could be spent and integrity that could be tested; a man of position and influence who enjoyed the confidence of the public, a magnetic personality socially trained and intellectually educated and cultured. At first we despaired of reaching that ideal but took heart since it was the ideal and should be beyond our grasp and our best endeavour should be to strive towards it. Man's insatiable desire to progress will always drive him onward and in this Scout movement for the brilliant and scintillating mind the canvas is high and broad enough to work on.

We loved those sessions which were like discussions when a

suggestion was thrown to the group inviting comments. Many contributed to the discussion and to the individual, who had made the study of human character his hobby, this was a great opportunity, for, each one's opinions, and thoughts expressed, opened the window of his soul, the gateway to his personality. I got to know my friends much better during this time than during the hours spent in introducing ourselves

On the day of departure everyone experienced mingled feelings of happiness and regret.—happy to get back to our circle where our duties lay and regret to leave behind a period of joyful living and to break away from a company which contributed so much towards that happiness. No one who has spent a week here will deny that it has helped to broaden his vision and widen his horizon. Neither will he deny that the week had been a time of unadulterated joy for him. In many of us the lively spirit, the zest for life, the joy deviture was bubbling and boiling over, infecting the more-sobre ones and gitalising and animating the entire camp. In spite of the diversity in age and temperament, we could see merry faces everywhere, joyous greetings and hear sounds of humming, chanting and melodious music. The whole place was radiant with mirth and jollity and one wondered why such warmth and happiness

of spirit could not be extended to the larger spheres of life.

It is not given to everyone to be creatively active and good and bring happiness to hundreds and instil the ideals of service, duty and optimism in the hearts of youth. On the final day this thought came to me with magnetic force and when I looked back on the time spent in the camp, with the unattached sentimentality of a departing exile, I realised how much, life there, helped and

equipped us in discharging this unique duty. In the course of this training, we had to endure some physical discomforts. When the rains came, our beds were wet from leaks in the roof, and at times it was positively cold and we were soaked and shivering. But these discomforts taught us to rise a little above the carcass and be able to "elevate one's mental life out of its reach".

—A Guide Commissioner.

Recommendation of Seminar on the Role of the Voluntary Agencies in the Second Five Year Plan

May 16—20th 1957

BEING convinced that the development of the New India including the attainment of the goal set in the Second Five Year Plan is the responsibility of every citizen:—

We, the assembled members of the following voluntary agencies:

1. Akhil Hind Yuvak Sangh.

2. All India Women's Conference.

3. Balkan-ji-bari.

4. Bharat Sevak Samaj

5. Bharat Scouts & Guides.
6. Indian Conference of Social Work.
7. Guild of Service.
8. Indian Adult Education Association.
9. Indian Council for Child Welfare.
10. Indian Red Cross (Nilgiris).
11. Indian Village Service.
12. Student Christian Movement.
13. National Council of YMCA's of India & Ceylon.

14. YMCA of India

15. Women's Savings Campaign.

have met together to share our thinking and how best voluntary social agencies in India can assist in these development programme,

hereby submit the following recommendations:—

The agencies dealing with children make the following recommendations.

1. The media of information such as illustrated booklets for children; simple talks in story form; radio programme for children and by them; formation of A. I. K. clubs for children; simple songs written in popular tunes; special exhibitions for children—of photographs, models, posters and handicrafts; film shows excursions to nearby projects; day camps for learning through simple play, games, sports, songs, activities; organised quiz contests; inter-school debates; camp fire; scrap book of newspaper advertisements and pictures related to special projects in the plan, prepared by the children; simple articles in children's corners in the news papers and journals, melas, fairs and festivals especially arranged for children and drama and playlets by and for children; be utilised for dissemination of information about the second five year plan to children and through them.

2. In using the above mentioned media, effort be made to present a total picture of the second five year plan as a whole in all its aspects with special emphasis on subjects which are of interest to children and are understandable by them. The presentation and interpretations should be simple and the emphasis should be on the part the children can play in the national development.

3. The National Voluntary Child Welfare Agencies, the Regional Welfare Agencies, carrying out child welfare work take up as part of their programme some of the activities suggested above for dissemination of information about the plan to the children and through them and for implementing the aspects of the plan related to children, by utilising the facilities and financial assistance being provided under the plan.

4. The Voluntary Agencies help the children to utilise and take advantage of all medical and public health services provided under the plan

5. For promotion of better nutrition among children and nursing mothers, all voluntary agencies be requested to make it part of their programme to distribute milk and multi-purpose food, whenever possible to children and mothers.

6. Where schools are available the voluntary agencies guide and assist parents to send

their children to schools especially girls and where such facilities are lacking, they should invite the attention of the government bodies to fulfil this need to the extent the provision has been made under the second five year plan.

7. In the field of pre-primary education the voluntary agencies take the initiative with the assistance provided in the plan for establishing nursery and kindergarten schools.

8. The voluntary agencies also take the initiative in planning organised recreational activities for children of both rural and urban areas. Special attention should be given for providing such services for children living in the congested areas of the cities. Children's Clubs and libraries should be some of the special features of the organised recreational programme.

9. As a preventive measure for juvenile delinquency, the voluntary agencies provide homes for vagrant and destitute children, giving educational and

technical training as well as recreational and cultural facilities to such socially handicapped children.

10. The Voluntary Agencies make a beginning for meeting the needs of the mentally handicapped children by opening small experimental centres for residential or non-residential care of such a group.

11. The Child Welfare Agencies already engaged in research on child welfare and those which can equip themselves for doing such work undertake studies and surveys on the needs and interests of children as well as on the problems of the physically, mentally and socially handicapped children.

12. The Voluntary Agencies give a lead in focussing the attention of the public and the governmental bodies to the unmet needs of children in the community and finding ways and means of meeting such needs through the resources available from the public and governmental sources.



The Bharat Scouts and Guides

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

A Conference of representatives of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore and Madras was held at Ootacamund on 25th and 26th May, 1957. Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided and Mr J B Mallararadhy, State Chief Commissioner, Mysore, inaugurated the Conference.

The main object of this Conference was for taking necessary steps to consolidate and expand the organisation of the Bharat Scouts & Guides within the Southern Region comprising of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Mysore and Madras. It was also the purpose of this Conference to bring to the notice of the Central Organisation at New Delhi that the Southern Region needed attention. After two days Session the following resolutions were passed by the Conference unanimously :—

1. Resolved that the State Governments be requested that 25% of Games or Sports Fund levied in Schools be ear-marked for Scouting and Guiding in the respective Schools.

2. Since no sports fees are being collected in Primary Schools it is recommended in the interest of the Cub-Movement that a uniform levy of Re. 1/- per annum be made in each School for the purpose of

finding money in each Institution.

3. Resolved as part of the National Plan that a definite sum of money be allotted in the Budget for each State Government under development expenditure, for expansion of Scouting and Guiding. This would be in addition to the normal Government allotment made to the Scout Movement.

4. The Governments be requested to authorise the Local Bodies in each State for a recurring grant for the promotion of Scouting and Guiding.

5. Resolved that having regard to the stage of development reached by Scouting and Guiding in India, this Conference recommends the system of employing paid personal to organise work in the Districts, Thasils and in Divisional Headquarters with the object in view, paid District Organisers for each District, and paid Assistant Organising Commissioners for each Division be appointed in each State and that the cost of this entire establishment be met out of the State funds. In making this recommendation the Conference takes note of the fact that the Bharat Scouts & Guides are the only Organisation to carry on their activities at all levels on an honorary basis.

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6. That the Conference recommends to the Central and State Governments kindly, to extend to the Bharat Scouts & Guides the same facilities and equality of treatment as are given to similar Youth Organisations in the country, such as N.C.C. and A.C.C.

7. It was further resolved to request that Scouting and Guiding be considered by the State Governments as integral parts of the system of Education and that Scouts and Guides be enabled to get themselves trained as citizens in a democracy with a back ground of education which is the very essence of Scouting and Guiding

8. Resolved that a recommendation be made to the State Governments to allot in the budget of the Educational Department sufficient funds to pay a monthly out-of-pocket allowance of Rs. 5/- and an annual uniform allowance of Rs. 15/- to all the Warranted Scouters and Guiders in charge of groups as such.

9. That a standing committee with the following be appointed to take steps to implement the above resolutions and further generally, the cause of Scouting and Guiding in the region.

Standing Committee

Andhra Pradesh.

1. Mr. S. M. H. Naqvi,
2. Mr. D. S. Raja Rao,
3. A Guide Representative.

Kerala.

1. Mr. T. Kuttikrishna Menon.
2. Mr. C. S. V. Ramani Karikar.
3. Mrs. K. M. George.

Mysore

1. Mr. J. B. Mallaradhy.
2. Mr. H. R. Abdul Gaffar.
3. One Guide Representative.

Madras

1. Mr. N. D. Sundaravadi-velu.
2. Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam
3. Mr. V. S. Ratnasabha-pathy

With Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu as Chairman and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy as Secretary of the Standing Committee.

"The greatest contribution to Education in the Twentieth Century was made not by an Educationist but by a Soldier who founded the Scout and Guide Movements."

--GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

MADRAS STATE

A meeting of the Sub Committee on Better Scouting was held at Kodaikanal on the 27th, 28th & 29th of April '57 to consider the replies received from the Scouters and Guiders from all over the State.

Members Present :

Dr. K. G. Ramabadran.

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy and Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam.

The replies to the Questionnaire circulated earlier were considered in detail under each head from the Questionnaire. The following are the opinions and recommendations of the Sub-Committee on the basis of the replies received.

1. Routine.

2. *Training*: It was found that some of the Scouters and Guiders have not undergone even the preliminary courses of training. This procedure is not in order as these leaders will be unable to contribute to the efficient working of the group.

The trained leaders need Refreshers' Courses of training atleast once in every three years to keep themselves up to the required standards. Therefore refresher's Courses should be conducted frequently at District levels.

3. The required statistics were not properly given. The inability to provide this statistics show that the leaders are

not able to gain the progress of the group because proper records are not maintained and there has not been any continuity of action in the Groups.

Recommended that the groups maintain proper records and strive for the maintenance of continued progress in the working of the group

4. It is disappointing to find that there is no Bharat Scout and that there are only very few 1st Class Scouts and Guides. Most of them are in the initial stages even though they have been in the movement for quite some time. This stagnancy is a great block to any progress. Therefore strong and urgent measures are to be taken to rectify this state of affairs at group levels.

5 & 6 *Uniforms*: Most of the groups have uniforms and in a few cases lack of finance seems to stand in the way.

We are of the opinion that children be encouraged to earn their own uniforms. In special needy cases, the aid of sponsoring authority or the Group Committees may be sought.

The Scarves being the property of the group, they be supplied by the sponsoring authority.

8, 9, 10 *Badges*: Unavailability of the badges is the main complaint. While some schools are helping in the purchase of badges others do not.

We are of the opinion that the badges be purchased by the sponsoring authority and presented to the boys and girls. The proper wearing of the badges should be insisted upon by the leaders. Children be encouraged to proudly own their Proficiency Badges by paying for them.

11. Weekly meetings of groups are held mostly.

Just regular meetings alone do not ensure progress. The following time schedule is recommended.

(a) Within the 1st year of enrollment—The Tender Pad and Tenderfoot stages be reached within four months.

Single Star and II Class stages be reached before the end of the year.

(b) Before the end of the 2nd year, Two Stars and First Class stages be reached.

(c) By the end of three or four years, the Bharat Scouts and Guides stage should be aimed at.

12. Group meetings are held mostly outside School hours. We are of opinion that it is always advisable to hold the group meetings outside School hours and the teachers be compensated for atleast by two periods of leisure per week.

13. *Camps:* According to reports received camps conducted are very few.

Recommended that each group should camp at least twice a year out of which one

must be an overnight camp. It is necessary that there should be one central camp at the District level every year. At the State level, a central camp be held once in two years.

14. *Funds for Camps:* Most of the groups report that they do not receive any financial assistance from the Schools for Camps.

Recommended that the management of Schools should devote a major portion of the Camp expenses from their Excursion and Scouting fund. It shall be incumbent on every School to collect this fund and utilise it for this purpose within the year.

15, 16, & 17: All report that they follow the Patrol System. Regarding their efficiency replies, received are not satisfactory.

Recommended that the Patrol System be fully utilised in all Groups and that Patrol Leaders and Seconds be given periodical training to maintain high standards of efficiency.

18 & 19 *Court of Honour:* Replies are not quite satisfactory and it is deduced that the Court of Honour is not understood properly by the majority.

Our opinion is that regular Court of Honour meetings must be held in all groups at least once a month.

The following subjects shall be dealt with at each meeting.

- (a) Review of work.
- (b) Planning of future work.
- (c) Distribution and execution of work
- (d) Camps and tests.
- (e) and other group activities.

20 & 21 Parental Co-operation: It is found from replies that parental co-operation has not been sought for, by most of the groups.

Recommended that each Scouter and Guider should contact the parents individually. Periodical Parents Evenings be arranged. Parents be given a share in the working of some of the activities of the group such as arrangements for Camps etc.

22, 23, 24, 25 & 26 Relation between Scouting and N.C.C. and A.C.C. in Schools:

Replies are very few concerning this. We are of the opinion that the Scouter and Guider should give undivided attention to the Scout work and not take up any other activity, since real Scouting needs a full time worker. Help of other Officers of movements like N.C.C., A. C. C., Red Cross and members of staff proficient in any specific subject may be utilised for the training of Scouts and Guides,

27 & 28: Most of the groups do not have any equipment. The minimum equipment needed for each section is as follows:

Cubs & Bulbuls

1. Scout Flag & National Flag.
2. Sixers box containing materials such as ropes, balls,

skipping ropes etc.; for the various tests.

Scouts & Guides

1. Scout Flag & National Flag.
2. Similar box for each Patrol containing materials for tenderfoot test and Second Class Tests.

Rovers & Rangers

1. Scout Flag & National Flag. Similar materials for Rovers.

A compass, ruk sack for hiking etc., Map of the locality.

29 & 30: Many of the groups are not receiving any Scout magazines and a minimum number of books be made available to the Group by the Managements as indicated below:—

1. The Bharat Scouts and Guide Bulletin (State Bulletin).

2. Saranar (Tamil) other magazines such as 'Scouter', 'The Council Fire' etc.,

Groups should be encouraged to conduct group manuscript magazines. Scouters and Guiders be conversant with the following books given below:

A.P.R.O. Parts 1, 2, and 3. Scouting for Boys in India. Wolf Cub Hand Book, Rovering to Success. Scout tests and how to pass them.

Bulbul Hand Book. Girl Guiding in India. Patrol System. A book on Camping.

31, 32, 33, & 34: Financial Assistance from Managements for activities of groups appear to be not satisfactory. Attention of managements of Schools be drawn to G. O. No. 557—Education 29—3—57.

**HEALTH, EDUCATION AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT (Education)**

G. O. No. 509, 19th March 1956

Education—Scouting—The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State—Period of attendance by teachers in activities like camps, conference, etc.,—Treatment as duty—ORDERS passed.

READ—the following papers:—

G. O. No. 496, Education, dated 16th March 1952.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 12th Feb. 1956. R. C. No. 195 C/6/56.

ORDER No. 509, Education, Dated 19th March 1956.

The Government direct that the periods (including the days in transit) spent by the teachers in Educational institutions under all managements (Government, Local body or private), who are prospective scouts and guiders of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, in attending to Scout activities like meetings, conferences, rallies and camps, etc., organised by local, district, divisional and State Associations, be also treated as duty, subject to the following conditions:—

(i) that the teachers and headmasters working in educational institutions, other than those under the direct control of Government, are deputed to

attend to the activities by the managements concerned, i.e., by local bodies or private agencies, and

(ii) that permission for the deputation of the headmasters and other teachers in Government Schools to attend to the activities is accorded respectively by the District Educational Officers and the headmasters of the schools concerned.

2. No travelling or daily allowance will be paid to the teachers concerned by the Government or the local body or the private management as the case may be. The expenditure should be borne either by the teachers or by the Association which organises the activities.

(By Order of the Governor)

C. P. GOPALAN NAYAR
Deputy Secretary to Government



International Commissioners pay their homage to the Father of the Nation at Kajghat



Hon'ble Minister for Education lays the foundation stone
for the Guest House at Wenlock Park



Guides Demonstration (Dance) at the Annual Meeting



Delegates at Tea

The Bharat Scouts and Guides

MADRAS STATE

Report for the year 1956-57

THE Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State has been making steady progress during the year under report. The Organisation has justified the step taken to integrate the two sections, Scouts and Guides under one administration. There is harmony and co-operation from the part of rank and file of the movement, Scouts, Guides and Officers which has enabled us to be active throughout the year, not only in carrying out regular Scout and Guide programmes but also take up new lines of activities such as Rural Camps and Community Service.

Our Scouts and Guides distinguished themselves by holding Camps at which more than, 1,275 Scouts and Guides rendered Service. This is an achievement of which the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State can take a legitimate pride and feel happy that the movement has been of help in however humble a measure it might be, in the endeavours that are being made to build a New Country under the Five Year Plan of the Government of India.

5th Annual Meeting

The 5th Annual Meeting was held on 29th September, 1956. The Hon'ble Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education presided. The Minister laid the foundation stone for the Guest House to be built at the State Headquarters at a cost of Rs. 23,000/- to provide accommodation and other facilities for Guests. Sri K Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, welcomed the gathering and announced that Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav was appointed as International Commissioner for Guides and congratulated her on her new appointment. Miss G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner (Training) he said, took the place of Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav as State Commissioner Guides Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary, presented the Report which give an account of various services undertaken by the Association during the past year. Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, and Miss G. R. Samuel addressed the gathering.

Mr. Subramaniam, in his presidential address, emphasised the need for fostering self-discipline and spirit of unity among youth through welfare organisations. He said that this self-discipline should be built up through the Scouts and Guides

movement, which also helped to develop the feeling of brotherliness with one another. The extra curricular and youth welfare activities were necessary for the mental make-up that was essential for facing problems of life successfully. Particularly, our youths should gain, the Minister said, that self-confidence which alone gives them the necessary mental make-up and help them attain the psychological attitude which was necessary for solving their most difficult problems.

Mr. Sathrasala Venkata Ram, State Treasurer, proposed a vote of thanks.

The successful meeting held provided an opportunity for workers to meet and exchange views and go back inspired, determined to carry on work in their respective areas even more efficiently than hitherto.

The morning session was held at the University Hall when Mr. H. B. Ari Gowder, M.L.A., Vice-President of the Association presided. The Annual Report presented by the State Secretary was adopted.

The audited statement of account and budget for the year submitted by the Treasurer were also adopted.

The meeting adopted a resolution expressing its anxious concern over the prolonged illness of its President Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar. Another resolution felicitated the State-Chief Commissioner, on his completion of 60 years of useful career. The third resolution congratulating Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav on her appointment as International Commissioner for Guides was also passed.

Another resolution wishing God-speed and good luck to the new reorganised States of Karnataka, and Kerala in which South Kanara and Malabar Districts were included was passed. Resolutions relating to the encouragement of open groups, facilities to be given to all employees of Government with respect to leave etc., and special concession to the employees of leading firms were also passed.

Our Officers

We would like to put on record the able direction and leadership given to the movement by the State Chief Commissioner, Sri K Venkataswami Naidu and the State Commissioners, Sri N. D Sundaravadivelu, State Commissioner, (Scouts) and Director of Public Instruction and Mrs. D. L. Gopalaratnam, (Acting) State Commissioner (Guides) in the place of Miss. G. R. Samuel, State Commissioner (Guides) on leave during the period;

our Assistant State Commissioners Messrs. V. C. Subbiah Gownder, Coimbatore, C. S. V. Ramani Karikkar (up to Dec. 1956); Paigalit; T. R. Kothandarama Mudaliar, Madras; K. S. Seshadri, Kumbakonam in their respective areas; Our Headquarters Commissioners Mrs. Sundaravadivelu (Planning), Mrs. N. Walawaikar (Relations); Our Organising Commissioners, Messrs. J. I. Muthiah, M. Rajagopal, M. Ram Mohan for the Scout section and Mrs. S. I. Pakianathan for the Guide section, by constantly touring the areas under their charge and advising the workers, in the work and development of the Association.

We should also thank Sri Sathrasala Venkata Ram, our State Treasurer, for the kind help he has been rendering in the matter of Finance.

We should specially mention the work done by the District and Assistant District Commissioners of both the sections, the various District Associations and the Local Associations besides the Scouters and Guiders who form the backbone of the movement:

We are grateful to the Government, specially to Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Education and Finance for his continued support to our Organisation. We are thankful to Sri M. Baktavatsalam Minister for Rural Development and Messrs. N. E. S. Raghavachari and G. Venkatachalamapathy and the respective District Collectors and Block Development Officers for their assistance in our Rural Camps during the summer. We could not have completed our projects satisfactorily if it were not for their help and guidance.

Our Strength

The total strength for this year registered is 52,683 of which Scouts are 41,519 and Guides 11,164. It would be found from the figures that there was an increase in the membership of the Organisation. While we are anxious to admit larger number of boys and girls into our movement, we are also emphasising on quality which should go side by side with the increasing of strength. It is hoped that it will be possible to increase the strength in the coming year if we are able to secure additional facilities.

Rural Service Camps by Scouts and Guides

On the same basis as last year, Summer Rural Service Camps were held this year also. There were in all 12 Camps taken by the Districts of Chingleput, South Malabar, Ramanathapuram, Madras South, Madras East, Madras West, Madras Central, North Arcot, Chingleput South and Madras North.

Mathurai, Coimbatore, Tanjore Districts though they also planned to have these camps, had to give up those camps, due to delay in getting the sanction of the Government of India for holding the camps.

In this connection a Camp Committee was formed consisting the State Chief Commissioner, State Commissioner (Scouts), M/s Gopalratnam Mr. C. Amirthaganesan, State Treasurer Sri Sathrasala Venkata Ram, State Secretary, Sri V. S. Ratnabapathy, Sri M. Ram Mohan, Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan, Sri M. Rajagopalan and Sri J. I. Muthiah. The Committee scrutinized the applications and approved the camps. The Committee also fixed up a programme of visits by the Committee members to these various camps to scrutinize the accounts and advise the Camp Officers on the proper conduct of the camps.

The State Chief Commissioner visited the Camp in Salem and Camps in Chingleput District. The State Treasurer, visited the camp in Ramanathapuram District. Sri C Amirthaganesan visited the camps in Vellore and South Arcot Districts. The State Secretary visited the Camps in Malabar, Salem and in Chingleput Districts. Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan visited the camps in South Malabar District. Sri M. Ram Mohan visited all the camps in the Chingleput area while Sri M. Rajagopalan visited the camps in Ramanathapuram and South Arcot Districts and Sri J I. Muthiah, the camp in Salem District.

We may say the various officers of the camps undertook their work very efficiently and completed the camps successfully. All the Camps made their own arrangements for supply of food as directed excepting one Camp.

Most of the camps are visited by distinguished officials and public men. The Deputy Minister for Railways Mr. O. V. Alagesan, in declaring open the 4½ miles road made at Kandigai in Chingleput paid a tribute to the good work done by Scouts and Guides. Mr. V. R Rajaratnam, Inspector General of Police, declared open the road made at Katrambakkam by the East Madras District. In other places also we have received appreciation both from the public, the villagers and the officials as well as the Block Development Department. Mr. G. Venkatachalamapthy, Director of Rural Welfare and National Extension Service also visited a number of these camps.

The District Collectors of the respective Districts took keen interest in the projects undertaken by our Scouts and Guides



Sri O. V. Alagesan, Dy. Minister—Railways declared open the Road
made by Scouts of Chingleput

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Salem Rural Camp—State Chief Commissioner and State Secretary,
address the public meeting on Rural Service



Scouts laying the Road at Kaveripettinam (New Colony) under the leadership of Sri A. Varadarajan



Salem Scouts Laying the Road—Scouts tackle a very hard rocky ground, but tackle successfully!

Two Guide Camps were run, one in Sriperumbudur and another in South Malabar District. Both were visited by the State Secretary and they were found to be both efficient and well organised.

Due to the change of rules regarding the strength of the camp, restricting the numbers to 150 only for every camp, the total strength was reduced to less than half of the estimated strength. The delay in obtaining the permission also was responsible for not being able to secure the full strength of 150 in each camp. The strength therefore was 1,275 for all these twelve camps.

On the whole we are able to say that our camps were better organised this time than last year.

This type of work has become a regular feature and part of the official programme of our work every year. The benefits derived by our boys and girls in these camps, cannot be over-estimated. It is both educative and useful. We hope to, therefore, arrange to hold a camp in every District in the coming year, and thus lend a hand in the great task of re-building our country and her resources.

Social Education organisers Trained as Commissioners

A training course was held at Anaipet from 18-3-57 to 29-3-57 at which 40 men and 35 women organisers were given training as Commissioners. They worked under different patrols and went through the course successfully. The camp was run by Mr. M. Rajagopalan, State Organising Commissioner assisted by Mrs. Roy Chatterji, District Commissioner, Coimbatore. Miss H. S. Dharma aj of Madurai, Sri K. S Sundaresan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Nannilam, Sri K. Visweswaran, Assistant District Commissioner, Ramnad; Sri P. V. Ramakrishnan, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, Nilakkottai and Pandit S. N. Misra and Sri S. K. V. Subburaj assisted the camp.

Dr K. G. Ramabhadran, Dr Miss, Kanakam Chandrasekaran, Sri D. P. Bagh of Bengal, Sri R. Srinivasan, Sri G. Ramachandran, Honorary Director, Gandhigram and Sri K. Ganesan took part in the camp activities. These Officers are drawn from various States in the country and the training it is hoped will enrich their experience and help them to do efficient work in their respective spheres.

Commissioners' Training Camp

A joint camp for Commissioners both Scouts and Guides was held at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar from 2nd April

to 7th April, 1956. Sri V. S. Ratnasabhapathy assisted by Mr. J. I. Muthiah and Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan, was the officer in charge of the course. Mr. H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner, South Madras helped the course as Instructor and Sri K. Madhavan served as the quartermaster. The camp was attended by 23 campers of whom 5 were women. Regular programme relating to such camps was gone through and one afternoon was devoted to a visit to Mahabalipuram which is 5 miles from the camp site, much to the enjoyment of the campers.

Sri H. B. Ari Gowder, M.L.A., Vice-President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State inaugurated the course. Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction and State Commissioner (Scouts) addressed the campers. Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner presided over the inauguration and also gave the valedictory address to the campers. Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke, a member of the course thanked the State Chief Commissioner and the State Headquarters for organising the course.

Exchange Trainer from Australia

One of the outstanding events of the year is the Training Course run by Miss Joan Stevenson, the Exchange Trainer from Australia at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar. The first batch of 40 Guiders were trained both in Preliminary and Refreshers, in two groups. The second one was for the Commissioners. 22 Commissioners attended the course and from the enthusiasm of the Campers, one could declare that the camps were a success. We are grateful to Miss Joan Stevenson for this help. She is an able Trainer and as she said, she herself learnt while she trained others, thereby both being benefited. We can easily hope therefore for better results in the Guide Organisation throughout the State.

Tea Chest

We received a Tea Chest containing tinned food, soap, clothing etc., which was sent by the Guides of London to the Madras Guides to be distributed among the Refugees in Madras. Col. Gill the Officer in charge of the Refugee camp was contacted and a function was arranged on the 25th July, 1956 for the distribution of the contents of the chest to the Refugee children in Anderson Street, George Town. Miss G. Joseph, District Commissioner, North Madras kindly arranged her Guide company to draw up a programme for the day and the Guides undertook the distribution. The Late Maharani of Vizianagaram presided over the meeting. Mrs. M. C. Jagdav and Mrs. Walawalkar spoke to the children. Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam and

Mrs. Sundaravadivelu were present. Photos taken on the occasion were sent to the London Guides. Col. Gill along with the Refugee children expressed their deep gratitude to the Guides of Madras and the Guides of London.

Blind Scouts and Guides

We have a Scout and Guide Group working in the Poona-malle Blind School under the able direction of Mr. B. A. Nandagopal, Principal of the School. The Guides and Scouts in these groups have given a very good report of themselves during the year. Inspite of the handicap they were cheerful and played the game successfully. They have gone on camps and visited places of interest. It is good to realise that Scouting and Guiding has brought fresh joy into their life. The Association cannot but be too grateful to the Scouters and Guiders.

Besides this group, we have a group in the Senior Certified School at Chingleput. This has been in existence, for over 25 years. The Head master informs us that Scouting has a definite influence in the shaping of the character and discipline of the juvenile offenders. A large number of Scouts took part in the rural Service Camps held during the last three years.

We need to take Scouting and Guiding into the spheres where we have handicapped children of other types.

Training of Officers

To man the growing organisation and to provide for the increasing demand for admission into the movement by boys and girls, training courses were held to train up a new set of Officers for the various sections. We have published elsewhere details of camps held in the various Districts. This year the total number trained is 736 of which 277 were women officers.

Camp Sites

The National Council decided to develop 80 camp sites in the country under the Second Five Year Plan. Madras was allotted six camp sites out of the grant available, each camp site will be given funds for equipments necessary.

We have the Stanley Park Training Centre at Coonoor which is fast developing into a Regional Camping-Centre for the South. Certain improvements have been made and further work had to be taken up next year. Besides we have a Camp site at Salem and a site to be handed over to us at Courtallam (Tirunelveli-District) and another site again to be handed over at Arni in North Arcot District. Madurai has made its choice of a site, and has applied for financial help. Tanjore and Coimbatore have also set about choosing Camp sites. There

should be one very near Madras, the Corporation of Madras is proposing to develop a site for Madras. We have Evans Park in Tirunelveli District which is being managed by the Tuticorin Local Association. We have the Silver-fish Bungalow and site given by Miss. G. Pakenham Walsh, the most active District Commissioner Guides), at Tirunelvelli. We hope when these are established there will be sufficient scope for Scouts and Guides throughout our State.

Centenary Celebrations

The hundredth Birth Annual Day of Lord Baden Powell was celebrated with great rejoicings throughout the States and throughout the country. The spontaneous manner in which every group took up the programme with enthusiasm showed the love and affection they had for the founder of the movement. Public meetings were held; Scout craft Exhibition, Camp-fire, rallies were undertaken. At the State Headquarters the celebration was conducted on 25-2-57 when Mr. A. J. John, Governor of Madras presided.

The Governor addressing the meeting said, "I would personally advocate a rather extended training in citizenship to cover as large a population as possible. To make democracy a success, the young should be given a certain amount of training in discipline and decorum orderly conduct and upright behaviour."

The Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement, among other such movements gave ample opportunities for the young citizen to acquire these qualities.

His Excellency the Governor, addressing the rally said, the Scout movement did not emerge in a day, but was the outcome of hard and incessant toil through long years. He was therefore led to think that both Lord and Lady Baden Powell were called into this world with a specific purpose — regular mission in life and was glad that they attained a remarkable success in the fulfilment of their great mission.

We are happy that His Excellency the Governor became the patron of the Organisation by giving a donation of Rs. 500/- to the Association. Mrs. John was also present at the Rally.

International Commissioners (Guides) Conference Asian Area

This is the first time in the history of the movement that an International Commissioners Conference was held in the Asian Area and particularly in India. This was held at New Delhi and was inaugurated by Pandit Nehru. The meeting was



International Commissioners meet at New Delhi State Chief Commissioner is being presented to President Dr Rajendra Prasad by Mrs. L Mazumdar, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Guides)



Our State Chief Commissioner welcomes Mrs. L Immanuel from Malaya, a delegate to the International Commissioners' Conference and Miss Lillian Mitchel, International Commissioner from Australia to Madras



Major-General D. C. Spry, Director of the International Bureau



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a colourful one; truly representative of the International nature of our movement. Prime Minister Nehru, speaking at the gathering said that he had watched the progress of the movement and had appreciated its great value even though he himself was not a Scout in his early days; and wished the Conference success. In this connection there was a reception at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan when the President of the Indian Union addressed the Scouts and Guides.

Delegates from Australia, Burma, Egypt, India, Ceylon, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines Singapore, United Kingdom and U.S.A. attended the Conference. The Conference proved a great success and helped to establish the movement on a firm basis in the region. Madras State was represented by the State Chief Commissioner (Guides), Mrs. MacLaine Clarke and Mrs. Walawalkar etc.

National Jamboree

A very successful National Jamboree was held at Jaipur in Rajasthan where more than 11,000 Scouts and Guides assembled and went through the Jamboree programme for five days. The Organisation was perfect and the spirit of the Jamboree was excellent. It is a great tribute paid to the movement of ours and to its value for the youths.

A contingent from Madras State consisting of 34 Scouts and 4 Scouters with Mr. J. I. Muthiah as Leader of the contingent attended the Jamboree. His report is published below:—

Madras Jamboree Contingent

Our Jamboree Contingent consisting of 34 Scouts and 4 Scouters left Madras on the 23rd morning and after halting for a day at Agra to see the Taj they proceeded and reached the Jamboree Campus on the 26th morning. The Jamboree began on the 27th morning and it was formally declared open by the Governor of Rajasthan in the evening.

From the 27th to 31st Dec. '56, we stayed in the Camp and participated in all the activities including competitions in Scoutcraft. On the 28th evening there was a Route March crowned with a Mayoral reception at the Museum. The morning Flag parades were attended by important dignitaries and everyone of them gave inspiring address to the Scouts and Guides assembled in the Ashok Arena. The subsequent two days were chiefly spent in sight-seeing and fraternisation.

On the 31st instant, a condolence meeting was held in memory of late Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, Chief Minister of the Madhya Bharat.

From the very beginning, the Patrol System was adopted and our contingent was converted into a Scout Troop with Sri James D. Isaac as Scoutmaster and Messrs. K. S Sampath and K. Rajagopalan as Assistants and Sri R. Viswanathan as Quarter-Master and Scribe of the Troop. Cooking in the Camp was carried on the Patrol System.

Leaving the Jamboree Camp on the evening of 1st January, 1957, we came to Delhi on 2nd January and spent two pleasant days at the Metropolis. Thence we took our homeward journey on the 4th noon and arrived at the Madras Central on the 6th evening.

On the whole, Scouts enjoyed themselves, visited many places of scenic and historic interest at Agra, Jaipur, and Delhi and were inspired by such a vast gathering of Scouts and Guides numbering nearly 11,000 and I am glad that our Scouts took part in various items of competitions and brought much credit to the State Association winning special standards for efficiency in almost all the items in which they participated. Special mention should be made of the best team work done by the Officers and they in co-operation with the Scouts contributed in no small measure to our success. I am very grateful to them all and particularly to our State Chief Commissioner and the State Secretary who gave me this unique opportunity for Scout Service.

(Sd:) J. I. MUTHIAH
Leader of the Contingent.



**Dr. Rm. ALAGAPPA CHETTIAR'S
PORTRAIT UNVEILED**

PRESENTED BY

DR. K. GIRIDHARA RAO,
District Commissioner, South Kanara

Tributes to the services rendered by Dr Rm. Alagappa Chettiar for the cause of education and the Scout movement were paid by speakers when his portrait was unveiled by Dr. A Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar at Wenlock Park, Triplicane, on 30-3-57.

Mr. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides referred to Dr Chettiar's association with the Scout movement during the last two decades and the help he rendered in spreading the Scout movement in Madras.

Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam, State Commissioner for Guides (acting) requested Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to unveil the portrait.

Describing Dr. Chettiar as a "Prince among philanthropists" Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar said Dr Chettiar's interest in the Scout movement was abiding. If they were able to integrate the two Scout Organisations, which had been working on parallel lines in this country it was to a large extent due to his efforts. The Vice-Chancellor said, he had come across very few Indian educationists, who had started institutions devoted to spheres ranging from Children's education to scientific research. If the Madras University could today boast that quite a number of colleges were affiliated to it in recent years it was in no small measure due to the initiative taken by Dr. Alagappa Chettiar. If Karaikudi was today well known throughout the country it was because of the monumental munificence of Dr. Chettiar for the cause of educational Institutions there.

Mrs. Clubwala Jadhav, Sheriff of Madras, spoke of Dr. Chettiar's services to various public causes especially women's education.

Mr. Venkataswami Naidu accepted the portrait on behalf of the State Headquarters

Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy, State Secretary proposed a vote of thanks, and also read the messages received from Dr. K. Giridhara Rao, District Commissioner (Scouts), South Kanara who had presented the portrait and Mr. N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction.

Our President Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar passes away

A meeting of the Workers was held at the State Headquarters on 11-4-57 under the presidency of the State Chief Commissioner Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu to express our deep sense of sorrow at the sudden demise of Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar the President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State. The following resolutions were passed all standing

1. The Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State expresses its deep sense of sorrow at the sudden demise of Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar the President of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State on 5-4-57 whose services to the country in the field of Education and Scouting have been unique, and unsurpassed and whose great example, will always be a guide to the youth of the land.

2. Resolved further that the above resolution be conveyed to the members of his bereaved family.

3. To perpetuate the memory of Dr. Alagappa Chettiar in a suitable form, to serve as an inspiration to the Scouts and Guides of the State.

The National Scout and Guide Week (1st October to 7th October, 1956)

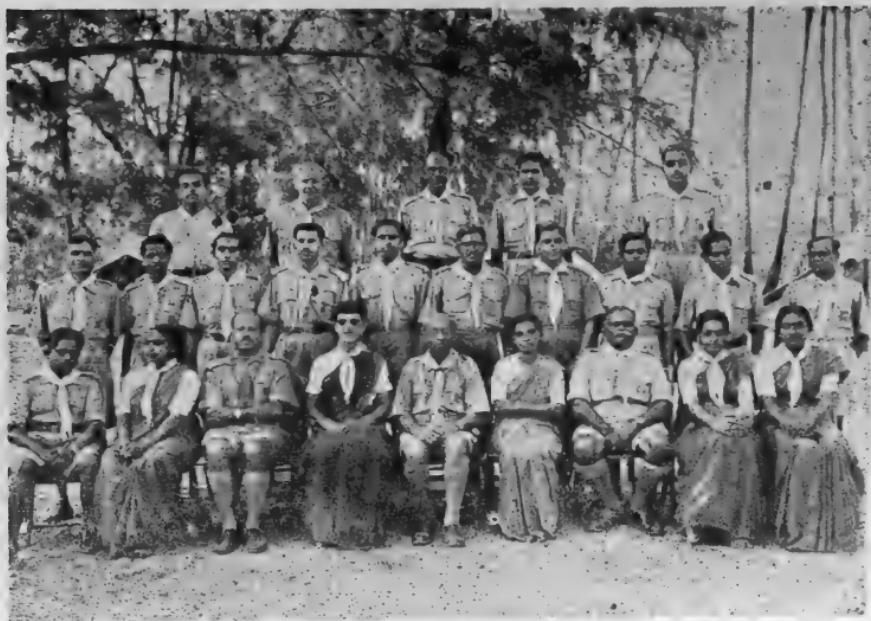
The Bharat Scouts and Guides celebrated the National Scout and Guide week from 1st October to 7th October 1956 throughout India. The main object of the Scout and Guide week was to focus the attention of the public on the value of Scout and Guide organisation to the young in the matter of training them to become good citizens of their Mother-Land. It was also taken advantage of, by the rank and file of the movement from the youngest Cub and Bulbul to the National Commissioner and President of the Association to demonstrate in their daily life throughout the week, how Scouting and Guiding had shaped their life to one of service and brotherhood.

The celebrations of the Week took the form of Inauguration Day with a public meeting at which a report of activities was presented and the educational value of the movement explained. Each day of the week was devoted as follows :—

Good Turn Day; the Camping Day; Heroes and Heroines Day (Founders, National and International Leaders). Entertainments Day, Animal's Day and Tree Planting Day.

It is during this week that the Birthdays of two great leaders fall. On the 1st of October, it is Dr Besant's Birthday and the 2nd of October is the Birthday of Gandhiji. These two-

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Flock Leaders Camp at Salem



Guide Commissioners Camp at Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar
25-11-56 to 4-12-56



Unveiling the Portrait of Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar
By
Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, Madras University

great leaders are mainly responsible for the freedom that our country has achieved and enjoying today. We owe to Dr. Besant for the existence of this movement of ours in this country. We therefore not only celebrate the two Birthdays of these two leaders but also draw inspiration from them for our work and service.

Ariyalur (Marudhiyar) Tuticorin Express Accident

Scouts rendered valuable help at the place of accident by removing the injured persons to the Ambulance van where First Aid was given. The dead bodies scattered all round the spot were collected by them while a number of them engaged themselves in extricating the bodies buried under the debris. Another party crossed two Casuarina topes submerged under 4 feet depth of water and brought dead bodies washed away by the current. This timely help by our Scouts and Rovers of the Dalmia Institute and the Schools was very much appreciated by the public and the Railway authorities.

Sub Committee on Better Scouting and Guiding

In a progressive and growing movement like the Bharat Scouts and Guides there is always room for improvement. It is therefore found necessary to review our work from time to time in order that we may relate it to our requirements. There is need to infuse fresh life into the organisation periodically to help us to go forward with greater efficiency, speed, and in a true Scout and Guide spirit to enable us to confer increasing benefits on larger number of youths. With this object in view a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. K. G. Ramabhadran, Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam, Mr. K. S. Seshadri, Mr. J. I. Muthiah and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhapathy as convener was constituted. The Committee issued a questionnaire to Scouters and Guiders and to Commissioners Local and District Associations, and on the basis of the answers received the Committee has submitted a report giving valuable suggestions for the improvement and development of the movement.

Money Raising Campaign by Guides

A Dance and Cabaret was organised by Mrs. D. L. Gopalratnam with the help of Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Shenoy, Mrs. P. Chalam, Mrs Srinivasa Rao, Mrs. Braem, Mrs. G. Miller, Mrs. Jadhav, Mrs. Walawalkar, Mrs Lalitha Jayaram at the Connemara Hotel on August 3rd 1956. The Maharani of Vizianagaram presided on the occasion and a gross income of Rs. 2,762/- was made. We are thankful to the following who took part and made the function a success: (1) Gymkhana Band (2) Trumpet Solo and Swiss quartet by the Swiss gentleman of the Integral Coach Factory, Piano recital by Mr. Handel Manuel; Dances of

India by Miss Lalitha Rao and Miss Pramila Rao and jokes by Mr. Keyser, Mrs Walawalkar and Mr. Hayden

Periodical Conference with the Minister

In connection with our work Periodical Conferences are held with the Minister for Education and Finance and the Chief officers of the State, when we go into the details regarding the work done by the movement and the steps to be taken to strengthen and develop the Organisation in all aspects. This Conference is responsible for getting the support and guidance of Education Minister who is also the Minister incharge of Finance, as well as the support of the Government & the Director of Public Instruction, who is also our State Commissioner. We are grateful to the Minister for Education the Hon'ble Sri C. Subramaniam for his help and encouragement to our Movement.

Co-operation with Kindred Organisations

It is our object to work in co-operation with the movements which have similar objects in view. To mention a few, The Guild of Service. The Seva Samajam Boys Home. The School of Social Work, The Food Council, The Indian Conference of Social Work, The Red Cross Society, The Teachers Guild, The Central Social Welfare Board, The Youth Hostels Association and the other organisations with whom we co-operated during the year for the purpose of co-ordination and common work.

International Visitors

During the year under report we have had the pleasure of receiving and entertaining a large number of visitors from other countries. Their presence among us has certainly helped to emphasise the International aspect of our movement. More such visitors are to be welcomed. The distinguished visitors were Major General D. C Spiry, C.B.E., D.S.O. C.D., Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau; Miss Joan Stevenson from Australia; Miss Anstice Gibbs from England; Miss Lillian Mitchell from Australia; Mrs. Lily Emmanuel from Malaya; Mrs Room from Australia; Miss Yvonne Cuenod from Switzerland and Miss Viragyam from Ceylon.

Conclusion

In conclusion we should like to say that the movement is continuing its good work inspite of the fact that we do not have adequate finance to extend our activities. This good work is greatly due to the help rendered by the Scouters, Guiders and Commissioners. The Districts have their own Organisation and Local Associations functioned fairly well. Given the co-operation both from the public and the Government, it will be possible to increase our strength and cater to the needs of a larger number of the youths of the country.

V. S. RATNASABHAPATHY;
State Secretary.





A Local Association was formed at Trivellore on 18th December 1956



Major-General D. C. Spry, Director of the International Scout Bureau
at our State Headquarters

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	Name	Area
1	Mrs. Pankajam Venkatachari	Arcot North
2	Miss Grace Solomon	Chingleput
3	Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee	Coimbatore
4	Miss Grace Joseph	Madras North
5	Mrs. D. C. Davidar	Madras South
6	Miss S. Bakkiamuthu	Madras Central
7	Mrs. Ahalya-Santanam	Madras East
8	Miss L. Vedanayagam	Madras West
9	Mrs. M. M. Peters	Madras Corporation
10	Dr. (Mrs.) S. Eddy	Mathurai
11	Mrs. R. E. MacLaine Clarke	Nilgiris
12	Mrs. T Varughese	Ramanathapuram
13	Mrs. R Seethalakshmi	Salem
14	Mrs. Indira Nagarajan	Tanjore
15	Mrs. Lily Charles	Tiruchirappalli
16	Miss Dora David	Tirunelvelly (upto 19-2-57)
17	Miss G. Pakenham Walsh	Tirunelvelly

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (SCOUTS)

1	Rao Bahadur Sri C. Doraiswamiah	Arcot North
2	Dr. V. Krishnamurthy	Arcot South
3	Sri R. Messiah Doss	Chingleput
4	Sri T. R. Sundaram Pillai	Coimbatore
5	Sri Mohamed Noorudeen	Madras North
6	Sri H. Ramanathan	Madras South
7	Sri M. Kazim Khaleeli	Madras Central
8	Sri M. D. Janardhan	Madras East
9	Dr. P. Krishnaswamy	Madras West
10	Sri P. M. Dowlatram	Madras Corporation
11	Dr. K. G. Ramabadran	Mathurai
12	Sri A. R. Arunachalam	Ramanathapuram
13	Sri S. V. Lakshmanan	Salem
14	Sri J. S. Nesayya	Tanjore East
15	Sri A. Y. S. Parisutha Nadar	Tanjore West
16	Commandent T. S. Desikachari	Tiruchirappalli
17	Sri T. V. Arumugham	Tirunelvelly

THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1957

RECEIPTS	Rs.	A. P.	RECEIPTS	Rs.	A. P.	PAYMENTS	Rs.	A. P.
To Opening Balance on 1-4-1956 With Indian Bank Ltd. Triplicane on Account	5,782	11 3	5,782	11 3	5,782	11 3	BY GENERAL EXPENSES:	
Cash on hand	123	9 6	—	—	5,906	4 9	Establishment Charges	27,879 9 0
" GRANTS FROM:	20,000	0 0	Govt. General for 56-57	20,000	0 0	Printing & Stationery	2,938 5 0	
Deficit Grant for 55-56	8,530	0 0	—	—	Postage & Telegrams	1,124 12 6		
" FEE INCOME:	881	0 0	Registration for 55-56 for 56-57	2,057	0 0	Conveyance	333 14 9	
Membership	10	0 0	—	—	Travelling Allowance	2,187 15 3		
Training Camp	405	0 0	Electricity	—	Trunk, Telephone and Contingencies	606 3 0		
Bulletin & Subscription	468	8 0	Bank Charges	—	Bank Charges	670 3 0		
Training Certificate	2,009	0 0	" OTHER EXPENSES:		—	31 0 0		
" OTHER RECEIPTS:	5,830	8 0	" Purchases of books, badges etc.	3,149	7 6	35,771 14 6		
Sale Proceeds Books and Equipment	3,737	13 5	Taxes & License	78	10 0			
Jaipur Jamboree Interest	2,297	13 3	Books & Periodicals	69	15 6			
Miscellaneous Contributions	93	15 8	Quota Amount to All India Headquarters	533	2 9			
" " 55-56	32	3 0	Annual Meeting & Rallies Expenses	1,882	14 9			
Mahamaham Service Contra	660	0 0	Repairs	130	5 9			
Camp	1,950	0 0	Miscellaneous Reception	247	12 0			
Contra	828	5 3	Audit Fee	100	0 0			
" BALANCE SHEET ITEMS:	9,600	2 7	Delegation Fee	45	0 0			
Thinking Day Fund	70	12 3	Staff Provident Fund— Association-Contributions	1,018	8 0			
Travelling Advance covered	1,070	0 0	Jaipur Jamboree Commissioners' Training Camp	2,894	0 0			
Salary Advance Recovered	541	0 0	Cooly & Freight Contributions for 1956-57	72	9 0			
			Sashtiabhaapoorhi Ex- penses	50	0 0			
			Guest House Foundation Stone Expenses	24	13 0			

Examined and found correct subject to our report of even date
A. K.

KOOPALAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Delegation Fee	... 45 0 0	" NET EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE	4,651 6 8
Cooly & Freight	... 72 9 0	" OVER INCOME	
Advertisement, Photo and Publicity	... 134 1 0	4,564 9 0	
" CONTRIBUTION:			
" To Staff Provident Fund	... 1,018 8 0		
" DEPRECIATION:			
Furniture	... 98 3 9		3,825 5 5 21
Typewriter	... 33 0 0		
Childrens' Equipment	... 188 0 0		1,655 15 6
Total Rs. ...	42,716 2 9	Total Rs ..	42,716 2 9

Equipment for the year ended 31-3-1957	
By Sale Proceeds of Badges etc.	3,825 5 5 21
,, Closing Stock as on 31-3-1957	...
Total Rs ..	5,481 4 11

Trading Account—Books, Badges & (Madras Government)

To Opening Stock as on 1-4-1956	... 1,621 12 0
Purchases	... 3,149 7 6
" Net Profit transferred to Income & Expenditure	... 710 1 5
Total Rs	5,481 4 11

Guest House Advance Grant (Madras Government)

To Grant amount received during the year 1956-57	... 10,000 0 0
By Transferred to Balance Sheet	... 10,000 0 0

Examined and Found Correct,

MADRAS-4

4th September 1957 }

A. K. RAJAGOPALAN & Co.

Chartered Accountants.

THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

Balance Sheet as on 1st March, 1957

				ASSETS		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	
				FURNITURE & FIXTURES:					
BUILDING FUND:				Balance as per last Balance Sheet		1,393 0 0			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet				Add additions during the year		254 3 9			
Add Interest accrued						<u>1,647 3 9</u>			
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND:				Less Depreciation		98 3 9			
As per last Balance Sheet...						<u>1,549 0 0</u>			
Add Own & Staff Contri- bution				TYPEWRITER:					
Add Interest accrued				As per last Balance Sheet...		221 0 0			
				Less Depreciation		33 0 0			
CHILDREN'S EQUIPMENT:						<u>188 0 0</u>			
As per last Balance Sheet				CHI.DREN'S EQ'R'IPMENT:					
Amount spent during the year				As per last Balance Sheet		790 0 0			
Less paid during the year ...				Amount spent during the year		2,091 0 0			
AMOUNTS PAYABLE:						<u>2,881 0 0</u>			
For Expenses				Less Contribution from Central Social Welfare Board					
National H. Q.				...		1,000 0 0			
Dance Cabaret—Guides		<u>1,881 0 0</u>			
Girl Guide Trust Corpora- tion				Less Depreciation		188 0 0			
						<u>1,693 0 0</u>			

OTHER FUNDS:

Examined and found correct, subject to our report of even date

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in September 1957

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**THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE
STANLEY PARK, COONOOR-INVESTMENT**

To Expenditure up to the end of the year	2,183 3 0	By Grant from Government of Madras	5,000 0 0
" Balance carried to 1957-58 accounts	2,816 13 0		
Total Rs ...	5,000 0 0	Total Rs ...	5,000 0 0

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SUMMER RURAL SERVICE CAMP—1955

To value of lost articles Coimbatore Camp	128 9 3	By Amount Brought Forward from '55-'56	19,078 1 9
" Audit fee	450 0 0		
" Court Deposit	1,826 0 0		
" Legal & Conveyance	292 13 0		
" Balance carried to 1957-58	16,380 11 6		
Total Rs ...	19,078 1 9	Total Rs ...	19,078 1 9

SUMMER RURAL SERVICE CAMP—1956

To Amount advanced to Camp Officers	45,045 5 0	By Government Grant	80,910 0 0
" T. A. to Officers, Temporary Staff	1,168 4 6	" Interest received	27 10 7
" Printing etc,	2 8 0		
" Bank Charges	25,265 0 0		
" Amount refunded to Government	9,456 9 1		
" Balance carried over to 1957-58			
Total Rs ...	80,937 10 7	Total Rs ...	80,937 10 7

Examined and found correct.

MADRAS-4

6th September 1957

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Chartered Accountants

APPENDIX B

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (GUIDES)

Name	Area
Arcot North	
Mrs. A. Gurupatham	Gudiyatham
Miss. N. Vedakan	Arkonam Taluk
Chingleput	
Mrs. S. M. Doss	Chingleput
Miss. T. A. Til kavathy	Kancheepuram
Coimbatore	
Mrs. G. Arulanandham	Coimbatore
Madras North	
Miss. N. Suviseshamuthu	Madras North (Guides)
Mrs. D. Venkatarangam	Madras North (Bulbuls)
Miss. M. Phanuel	Madras North (Rangers)
Madras Central	
Mrs. S. Chellam	Madras Central
Miss. R. Arputha Mary	Madras Central
Miss. M. Vadivambal	Madras Central
Madras East	
Mrs Lalitha Jaya Ram	Madras East
Mrs. K. Rajeswari	Madras East
Madras Corporation	
Mrs. J. Gopichandra	Madras Corporation
Mrs. Rhamathunissa Begum	Madras Corporation
Mrs. T. Kunjitham	Madras Corporation
Mathurai	
Mrs. Kamala Samuel	Batlagundu
Miss. Viola Raj	Mathurai City
Salem	
Mrs. Kursheed Begum	Salem
Tanjore East	
Mrs. S. Edwards	Mayuram

Tanjore West

Smt. V. Savithri	Kumbakonam
Mrs. H. M. Pandian	Tanjore
Mrs. K. G. Mañgalam	Kumbakonam

Tiruchirappalli

Miss. Ponnammal	Tiruchirappalli
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Tirunelveli

Miss. S. Nightingale	North Tirunelveli
Mrs. Violet Kovilpillai	Tuticorin
Miss. Christine John	Palamicottah
Miss. Elizabeth M. Swinler	South Tirunelveli

ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (SCOUTS)

Name	Area
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Arcot North

Sri. M. V. Ramaswami	Gudiyatham
.. James D Isaac	Arcot North
.. G. V. David	Arcot North

Arcot South

Sri. S. Ramaswami Ayyangar	Chidambaram
.. P. G Krishnamurthy	Villupuram
.. J. K. R. Subrahmanyam	Valavanur
.. A. Muthukumaraswami	Cuddalore
.. P. R. Srinivasan	Cuddalore
.. R. Radhakrishnan	Cuddalore
.. Srinivasan	Cuddalore
.. V Thiruvenkatachati	Chidambaram

Chingleput

Sri. V. Subudhinathan	Ponneri
.. D. Samuel Gururaj	Saidapet Taluk
.. Edward Samuel	Kancheepuram Taluk
.. J. D Devakadaksham	Madurantakam Taluk
.. P. C. Manicka Raj	Chingleput Taluk
.. D. Govindarajan	Tiruvallur Taluk

Coimbatore

Sri. K. Viswanathan	Bhavani Taluk
.. T. S. Ramalingam	K illegal Taluk; Pollachi &
.. E. M. Annamalai Pillai	Udumalpet
.. T. Raja Iyengar	Erode
.. S. Arulanandam	Coimbatore
	Coimbatore

Madras North

Sri. N. K. Aravamudin
 „ A. Natesan
 „ Meghraj Joshi

Madras North
 Madras North
 Madras North

Madras South

Sri. V. G. G. Sarma
 „ S. Subramanian

Madras South
 Madras South

Madras Central

Sri. John Jayaraj
 „ D. S. Mathias
 „ R. P. Joseph
 „ S. Raja Ram

Madras Central
 Madras Central (General)
 Madras Central (Rovers)
 Madras Central (Cubs)

Madras East

Sri. T. S. Santhanam
 Dr. P. Vadhira Rao
 Sri. R. Elumalai

Madras East (General)
 Madras East (Scouts)
 Madras East (Cubs)

Madras West

Sri. V. Santhanagopalan

Madras West

Mathurai

Sri. J. D. Asirvatham

Mathurai (General)

„ G. Lazarus

Dindigul Area

„ P. S. Ramasubramaniam

Mathurai City (Central)

„ D. I. Rathnaswamy

Usilampatty Area

„ D. S. Chelliah

Andipatti & Teni

„ S. Theertham

Mathurai City (N & W)

„ S. V. Sankaran

Palani Revenue Taluk

„ T. S. Raju

Mathurai City East

„ K. S. Sampath

Mathurai District

„ K. Rajagopal

(Organisation)

„ N. Ocha Thevar

Mathurai District (Service)

„ V. Kumaraswami

Batlagundu Area

„ K. Ramalingam

Dindigul Taluk

Mathurai City South

Nilgiris

Sri. V. P. Ramaswamy

Nilgiris District

„ Eric Willy

Ooty Municipality & Town

„ A. Krishnan

Kotagiri

„ C. Govindan

Ooty Rural

„ J. B. Joghee Gowder

Coonoor Taluk

Ramanathapuram

Sri. Kathi Arunachalam.

Sivaganga Town

„ K. Visweswaran

Ramnad (General)

„ K. S. Seshadry

Sivaganga Revenue Taluk

„ T. M. Kanthimathi

Tiruvadanai Taluk

„ T. R. Rajagopalan

Karaikudi Town

Salem

Sri. P. G. Jayaraman
 „ G. Narasimhan
 „ K. Varadharajan
 „ V. R. Jagadeesa Mudaliar
 Dr. S. R. A. Chellam
 Sri. C. M. Malliah
 „ S. Srinivasan
 „ M. Vadivelu
 „ B. V. Srinivasan

Salem (Rural)
 Salem (Municipality)
 Salem (General)
 Dharmapuri Taluk
 Dharmapuri Town
 Hosur Taluk
 Namakkal Taluk
 Attur Taluk
 Salem Town

Tanjore East

Sri. K. S. Sundaresan
 „ S. Balasubramaniam
 Dr. Alagappa Annamalai
 Sri. A. V. Ramanathan
 „ K. Varadarajan

Tanjore East (Cubs & Rovers)
 Tanjore East (Scouts)
 Kuttalam Firka
 Mayuram
 Mannargudi Taluk

Tanjore West

Sri R. Narasimha Iyengar
 „ G. Deva Irakkam
 „ P. Srinivasan
 „ H. Krishnamurthy
 „ V. G. Kaliaperumal
 „ S. Narayanaswamy
 „ S. R. Srinivasachari
 Dr. (Capt) V. K. Pandian
 Sri. M. Swaminathan
 „ A. Swayambu

Kumbakonam Taluk
 Tanjore Taluk (Scouts)
 Tanjore Taluk (Rovers)
 Tanjore Taluk (Cubs)
 Papapanasam Taluk
 Kumbakonam
 Kumbakonam
 Tanjore
 Tanjore
 Tanjore

Tiruchirappalli

Sri. A. D. M. Prakasam
 „ K. V. Ratnam
 Capt. T. N. Ramaswamy
 Sri. G. Albert Guanamuthu

Pudukkottai
 Tiruchi Municipal Area
 Tiruchi District
 Karur Taluk

Tirunelveli

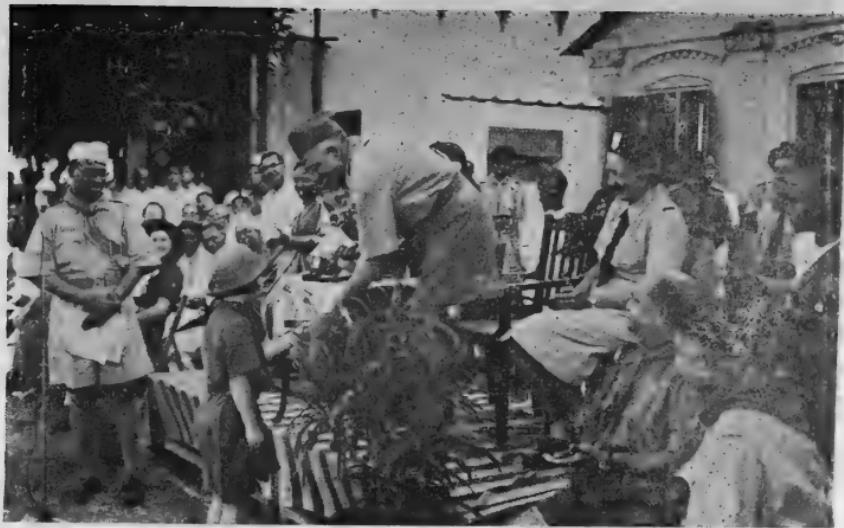
Sri. K. S. Karpaham
 „ V. N. Buchi Babu
 „ N. Ranganathan
 „ S. G. Alwyn
 „ A. S. B. Philip

Tenkasi Taluk
 Palamcottah
 Ambasamudram Taluk
 Palayamcottah and Melapalayam Areas
 Tirunelveli Town

Kanyakumari

Sri. C. James

Kanyakumari District



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1	Commissioners	24-4-56	7-4-56	6	Adyar, Madras	Mr. J. I. Muthiah
2	Scoutmasters	21-4-56	5-5-56	10	Manimuthiswaran, Tirunelveli Dt.	Mr. M. Rajagopalan
3	Flock leaders	24-4-56	30-4-56	7	Mathurai	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan
4	Flock leaders	3-5-56	9-5-56	7	Pambarpuram, Kodaikanal,	33
5	Guide Captains	24-5-56	2-6-56	10	Madurai District Mylapore, Madras	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan
6	Guide Captains (Non-continuous)	28-7-56	25-9-56	3	Wenlock Park, Triplicane, Madras-5	Miss M. R. Phanel
7	Guide Captains	5-8-56	16-8-56	12	Beypore, N. Malabar	22
8	Cubmasters	23-8-56	29-8-56	7	Tirunavallur, S. Arcot Dist.	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan
9	Guide Captains	7-9-56	18-9-56	12	Cape Comorin, Tirunelveli Dist.	20
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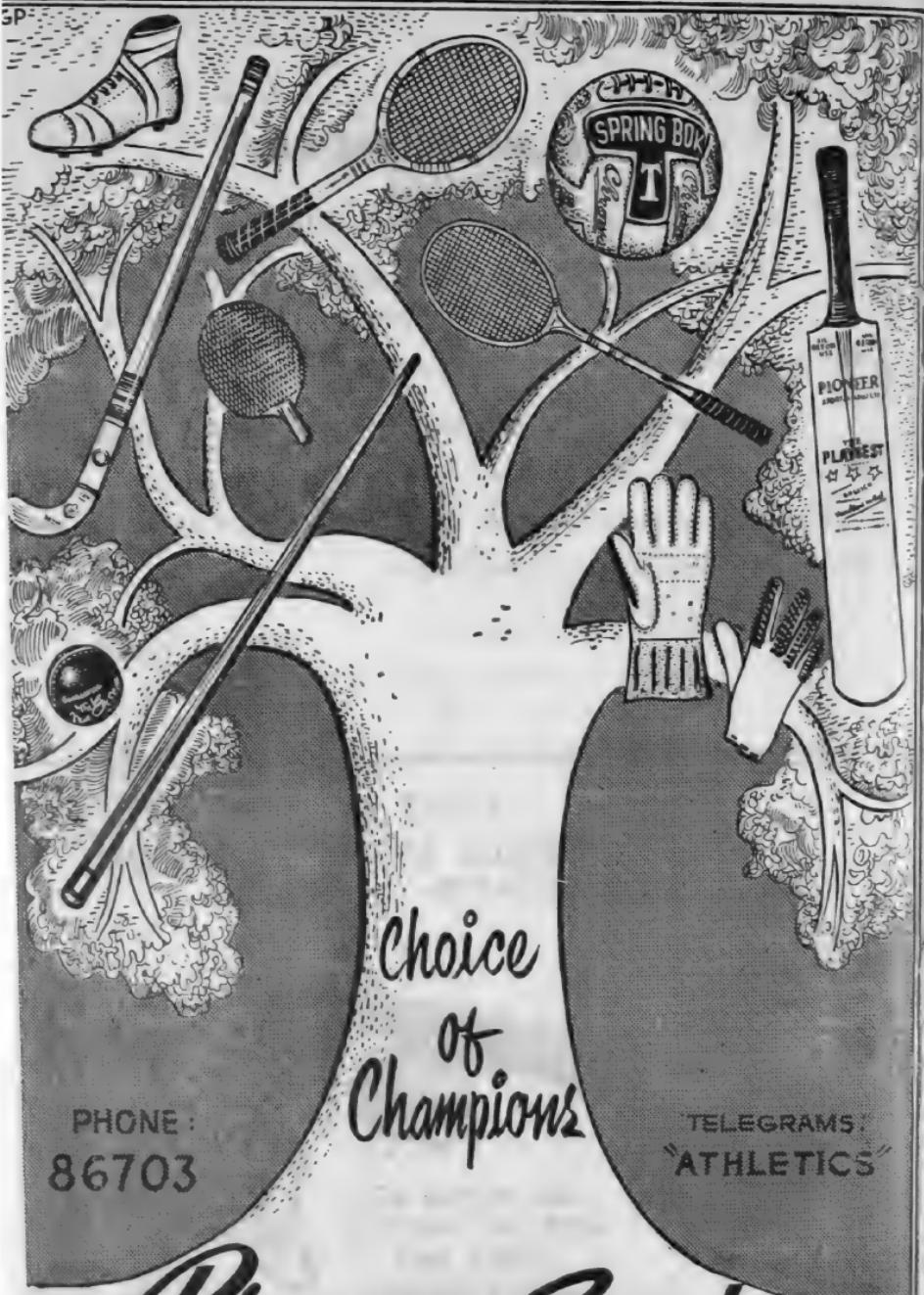
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13	Guide Captains	25-11-56	1-12-56	7	Adyar, Madras	Mrs S P. Pakianathan	16
14	Flock leaders (Refreshers)	25-11-56	1-12-56	7	Adyar, Madras	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan	24
15	Cubmasters	18-12-56	22-12-56	5	Ambattur, Chingleput Dist.	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan	24
16	Rural Scout Leaders	19-12-56	30-12-56	12	Gandhigram, Madurai Dt.	Mr. M. Noorudeen	42
17	Cubmasters	6- 1-57	13- 1-57	8	Pallavaram, Chingleput Dist.	Mr. M. Noorudeen	113
18	Scoutmasters	9- 1-57	20- 1-57	12	Mambalam Grounds, Tanjore	Mr. K. Balakrishnan	39
19	Scoutmasters	16- 1-57	26- 1-57	11	Coimbatore	Mr. J. I. Muthiah	29
20	Cubmasters	16- 1-57	22- 1-57	7	Adyar, Madras	Mr. V. S. Ratnabha- pathy	40
21	Commissioners (for the Social Organi- zers—Men)	18- 3-57	29- 3-57	12	Anaiappatty, Madurai Dt.	Mr. M. Rajagopalan	41
22	Commissioners (for the Social Organi- zers—Women)	18- 3-57	19- 3-57	12	Anaiappatty, Madurai Dt.	Mrs. I. Roy Chatterjee	34
					Total	...	736

THE BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES, MADRAS STATE

RURAL CAMPS

S. No.	Area	Centre of work	Nature of work	Number of per- son- s	District Commis- sioners	Org. Commis- sioners.
1	S. Malabar	Kunnisseri	Slum clearance ; Digging of Compost and Manure Pits.	53	Miss Saraswathi Madhava Rajah	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan.
2	Chingleput	Katrambakkam	Road making etc.	125	Mr M. D Janar- dhanam	Sri M. Ram Mohan.
3	Ramnad	Kothamangalam	Road making etc.	130	Sri A. R Aruna- chalam	Sri M. Raja- gopalan
4	North Arcot	Edakrishnapuram	Road making and slum clearance and sanitation work in villages.	150	Rao Bahadur C. Doraiswa- miah	Sri M. Ram Mohan
5	Chingleput	Kandigai	Road making and slum clearance.	150	Sri R. Messiah Doss	Sri M. Ram Mohan
6	Chingleput	Ikkadu	Renovation of a canal.	132	Sri M. Kazim Khaleeli	Sri M. Ram Mohan

7	Salem	Kaveripatnam	Road making and soak pits and Manure pits ; slum clearance.	150	Sri S. V. Lakshmanan	Sri J. I. Muthiah
8	Chingleput	Erayamangalam	Road making, street formation in villages ; House Construction.	120	Sri W. Santana-gopalan	Sri M. Ram Mohan
9	Chingleput	Tirumangalam	Road making etc.	100	Sri H. Ramanathan	Sri M. Ram Mohan
10	South Arcot	Somathakuppam	Blastering of the rock, cutting the channel Formation of the Bund	98	Dr. V. Krishna moorthy	Sri M. Rajagopalaswamy
11	Chingleput	Sriperumbudur	Cleaning the cherries ; Distribution of Milk etc.	52	Miss G. Solomon	Mrs. S. P. Pakianathan
12	Chingleput	Mallankuppam	Tank silt clearance ; Road making ; Milk Distribution etc.	116	Mr G. Balagopaul	Mr. M. Ram Mohan
Total						1376

Strength of the Scouts Section for the year 1956-57

S. No.	Name of the District	Groups	Strength			Officers	Total
			Cubs	Scouts	Rovers		
1	Arcot North	46	836	643	10	89	1,578
2	Arcot South	5	85	91	--	11	187
3	Chingleput	226	6,350	927	122	448	7,847
4	Coimbatore	51	220	1,657	--	94	1,971
5	Kanyakumari	12	66	242	--	21	329
6	Madras North	27	372	579	80	78	1,109
7	Madras South	11	266	191	38	43	538
8	Madras Central	20	309	543	126	65	1,043
9	Madras East	8	195	208	73	37	513
10	Madras West	9	243	209	10	31	493
11	Madras Corpn.	115	3,253	1,179	--	269	4,701
12	Mathurai	259	4,468	945	363	467	6,243
13	Nilgiris	25	604	353	57	57	1,071
14	Ramanathapuram	13	102	314	68	31	515
15	Salem	75	982	1,254	99	137	2,472
16	Tanjore East	37	568	479	18	103	1,108
17	Tanjore West	91	1,496	869	70	229	2,664
18	Tiruchirappalli	46	344	1,080	99	92	1,615
19	Tirunelveli	29	108	686	234	55	1,083
20	Sea Scouts	2	--	17	16	2	35
Grand Total		1,236	21,867	15,483	1,535	2,634	37,175

Strength of the Guide Section for the year 1956-57

S. No	Name of the District	Groups	Strength			Officers	Total
			Bulbuls	Guides	Rangers		
1	Arcot North	5	72	60	—	8	140
2	Arcot South	—	24	—	—	2	26
3	Chingleput	40	834	214	—	57	1,105
4	Coimbatore	9	40	243	64	18	365
5	Kanyakumari	3	—	106	—	4	110
6	Madras North	7	140	252	—	19	411
7	Madras South	4	92	80	—	16	188
8	Madras Central	9	142	258	—	26	426
9	Madras East	5	68	66	25	8	167
10	Madras West	13	268	208	—	24	500
11	Madras Corpn.	54	1,843	111	—	109	2,063
12	Mathurai	9	1,638	210	—	131	1,979
13	Nilgiris	18	301	136	—	36	473
14	Ramanathapuram	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	Salem	25	544	98	—	39	681
16	Tanjore East	8	164	40	—	12	216
17	Tanjore West	23	372	76	—	35	483
18	Tiruchirappalli	10	104	250	—	17	370
19	Tirunelveli	13	268	211	137	44	660
Grand Total		361	7,162	3,095	258	649	10,363

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